GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
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Pulse Prices
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the prices of pulses are lower in 2017 than the prices in the last two years;
(b) if so, the details thereof;
(c) whether surges in the production and imports are reasons for lower prices, if so, the details thereof; and
(d) whether the Government has taken measures to reduce imports to stabilize prices and if so, the details thereof and the other measures proposed to stabilize prices?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SHRI C. R. CHAUDHARY)

(a) & (b) : The All-India Daily Average Retail Prices of major pulses in the last two years are given as below:-

Item All-India Daily Average Retail Price (Rs. /kg)

Price As On	1 Year Ago	2 Years Ago	% Variation over	
03-08-2017	03-08-2016	03-08-2015	1 Year	2 Years
Gram Dal	80.06	99.67	60.35	-19.67	32.66
Arhar Dal	76.78	136.74	99.34	-43.85	-22.71
Urad Dal	86.44	147.53	98.57	-41.41	-12.31
Moong Dal	74.98	94.81	99.11	-20.92	-24.35
Masoor Dal	67.02	86.18	82.95	-22.23	-19.20

Source:- State/UT Civil Supplies Deptts.

(c) : The prices of pulses have fallen primarily on account of bumper domestic production, which increased by 37% from 16.35 million metric tonnes (MT) in 2015-16 to 22.40 million MT in 2016-17. Imports of pulses also rose by 14% during the same period, from 5.79 million MT in 2015-16 to 6.60 million MT in 2016-17.

(d) : To facilitate remunerative prices to farmers and help stabilise their prices, Government has procured pulses under the Price Stabilization Fund (PSF) scheme and the Price Support Scheme (PSS). In addition, Government has also removed stock limits on pulses, has imposed import duty on Tur and has permitted Futures trading of Chana.

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